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1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution
2 of the State of Iowa relating to civil marriage.
3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Article I of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is amended
4 by adding the following new section:

5 **Civil marriage.** SEC. 26. The state and its political
6 subdivisions shall make no law prohibiting the act of civil
7 marriage or denying the benefits of civil marriage to any
8 individual capable of entering into a civil contract, based
9 on the race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender
10 identity, national origin, religion, or disability of either
11 party entering into a civil marriage.

12 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing proposed
13 amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred
14 to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general
15 election for members of the general assembly, and the secretary
16 of state is directed to cause the proposed amendment to be
17 published for three consecutive months previous to the date of
18 that election as provided by law.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
21 Constitution of the State of Iowa relating to civil marriage
22 and providing that the state and its political subdivisions
23 shall make no law prohibiting the act of civil marriage or
24 denying the benefits of civil marriage to any individual
25 capable of entering into a civil contract, based on the
26 race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity,
27 national origin, religion, or disability of either party
28 entering into a civil marriage. The resolution, if adopted,
29 would be referred to the next general assembly for adoption
30 before being submitted to the electorate for ratification.